

2008 Legislative Session Recap



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FY09 Budget Requests

- Building blocks for mercury issues:
 - Mercury dry deposition monitor – 1-time General Funds (GF) - \$100,000 including \$19,000 ongoing GF for maintenance
 - Recommended in Governor's budget
 - Subcommittee Priority 6/12 for 1-time GF for monitor
 - Subcommittee Priority 7/8 for ongoing GF for maintenance

FY09 Budget Requests

- Building blocks for mercury issues:
 - Mercury fish tissue sampling – ongoing fish tissue sampling and analysis - \$21,425 GF ongoing
 - Recommended in Governor's budget
 - Subcommittee Priority 8/8 for ongoing GF for sampling

FY09 Budget Priorities

- Building blocks for mercury issues:
 - Source assessment of mercury hot spots as result of fish tissue analysis - \$40,500 GF ongoing
 - Recommended in Governor's budget
 - Subcommittee Priority 8/8 for ongoing GF for sampling

FY09 Budget Outcome

Funded:

- \$100,000 one-time GF for mercury dry deposition air monitor

Not Funded:

- \$22,000 ongoing GF for mercury fish tissue sampling and analysis
- \$40,000 ongoing GF for mercury source assessment

Next Steps

- Purchase of dry deposition monitor and determination of deployment (mobile)
- Re-prioritization of funding to address the mercury fish tissue sampling for FY09
- Re-prioritization of funding to initiate pilot study using mercury protocol